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Mr. Chris Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for writing to me about your concerns for those persons suffering from environmental hypersensitivity.

Applicants for the Family Benefits Allowance program administered by my Ministry who suffer from environmental hypersensitivity are treated in the same manner as all persons applying for disability reasons. A review of medical documentation submitted by the applicant's physician is reviewed by the Medical Advisory Board which makes a recommendation to the Director of Income Maintenance as to eligibility as a disabled person under the Family Benefits Act.

Staff in my Ministry and staff in the Ministry of Health are working together on research initiatives and policy issues surrounding this illness. The Ministry of Health has assumed the lead role for the provision of health services to sufferers of this illness. As the Ministry of Health continues their research into this area, my Ministry will assist this group in any way possible based on our available programs and current legislation.

I wish you success with your presentation on the effects of pollution for sufferers of this illness to the United Nations.

Thank you again for bringing your concern to my attention.

Sincerely,

Charles Beer

Charles Beer
Minister

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